

# KRISHNA SRINIVASAN

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## References

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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Zurich	08/2018 - present
Expected completion date: 04/2024	
M.Sc. Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, Tilburg University	2016 - 2017
B.Sc. Economics, Mathematics, Statistics, Christ University	2013 - 2016

## Research Visits

Visiting Student, Norwegian School of Economics	08/2022 - 01/2023
Host: Bertil Tungodden	
Visiting Student, University of California - Berkeley	08/2021 - 12/2021
Host: Dmitry Taubinsky	

## Research and Teaching Fields

Primary fields: Behavioral Economics, Public economics  
Secondary fields: Experimental Economics, Political Economy

## Job Market Paper

“Who Should Get Money? Estimating Welfare Weights in the U.S.” (with Francesco Capozza)

We elicit the welfare weights assigned by the general population of the U.S. using a real-stakes experiment. Welfare weights measure the relative social value of providing individuals with an additional dollar of consumption. These weights can be directly used to evaluate the desirability of reforms in domains such as taxation and cash transfers. We find that the general population weights are more progressive than the weights implied by tax and transfer policies in the U.S., indicating that the general population desires additional redistribution. The general population weights are less progressive than those frequently used in the literature. We explore the implications of these weights for optimal income taxes.

## Work in Progress

“Who Deserves a Tax Break and Why? Evidence on Preferences for Taxing Personal Characteristics”  
(with Julien Senn)

“Paternalism: Determinants of Demand and Supply” (with Björn Bartling)

“Eliciting Funding Priorities Using Domain-Specific Welfare Weights” (with Francesco Capozza and Morten Støstad)

“What Motivates Censorship?” (with Francesco Capozza)

## Research Grants

UZH GRC Short Grant (with Julien Senn) - CHF 5000 2023

UZH URPP Equality of Opportunity Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 8680 2022

Russel Sage Foundation Small Grants (with Francesco Capozza) - \$7850 2018

UZH Director’s Grant (with Francesco Capozza) - CHF 1500 2021

## Scholarships

UZH Doc.Mobility 2022

Departmental scholarship for Ph.D. students 2018 - 2024

## Teaching Experience

### **Teaching Assistant at University of Zurich**

Behavioral Public Economics (master’s) 2022

Behavioral Economics (bachelor’s) 2021

Introduction to Behavioral Economics (master’s) 2020, 2021

The Economics of Paternalism (master’s) 2020

Behavioral Theory (master’s) 2019, 2020

### **Tutorship at MAK - Tilburg Univeristy**

Statistics 2 for International Business Administration (master’s) 2016, 2017

## Professional Activities

Refereeing: Journal of Public Economics

## Presentations

EEA Conference, Annual Congress of the IIPF, Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, 2023

Ludwig Erhard ifo Conference on Institutional Economics, Young Swiss Economist Meeting

BREW-ESA, Spring School in Behavioral Economics (Poster), Fairness and the Moral Mind 2022

Workshop, In\_equality Conference

## Summer Schools

briq Summer School in Behavioral Economics, 2023

Spring School in Behavioral Economics, HCEO-FAIR Summer School on Socioeconomic 2022

Inequality

## Personal Details

Date of birth 04 December 1994

Citizenship Indian

Languages English (Native)